

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 have been rejected.

Claim 25 has been allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended.

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention, as previously discussed with the Examiner in the 08 June 2007 telephone interview. In particular, the element “forwarding all the connections directly from the first communication system to the second communication system” has been moved from the first element of the method to the last element, thereby rendering the preceding elements definite.

Accordingly, applicant now respectfully submits that amended claim 1 is in a condition for allowance. Claims 2-24 are dependent on amended claim 1, and are now also deemed allowable in view of their dependence.

The other references of record have been reviewed and applicant's invention is deemed patentably distinct and nonobvious over each taken alone or in combination.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully request that the above rejections be withdrawn.

Inasmuch as this amendment distinguishes all of the applicants' claims over the prior art references, for the many reasons indicated above, passing of this case is now believed to be in order. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection or through an Examiner's amendment.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees necessitated by actions taken herein to Deposit Account 50-2117.

Respectfully submitted,
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